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SUBJECT: FRENCH OFFER OF MIRAGE V TO SWISS AF

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1. IN LETTERS FROM SWISS PRESIDENT BRUGGER TO PRIMIN CHIRAC AND FROM SWISS EMD CHIEF GNAEGI TO FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER SOUFFLET, SWISS INFORMED THE FRENCH THAT THE EVALUATION OF THE F-5E TIGER II AIRCRAFT CONTINUES TO HAVE PRIORITY AND THAT OTHER AIRCRAFT WOULD COME INTO CONSIDERATION ONLY IN THE EVENT THE TIGER EVALUATION GOES OFF THE TRACKS. THIS WAS ANNOUNCED AT PRESS CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 6, 1974.

2. RAPID GOS RESPONSE TO FRENCH DEMARCHE SUGGESTS CONSIDERABLE IRRITATION WITH FRENCH MOVE, WHICH WIDELY VIEWED AS "SPOILER" ACTION, DESIGNED LESS AS SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO SELL MIRAGE THAN TO SOW CONFUSION ABOUT SWISS INTENTIONS ABOUT THE TIGER. FRENCH TACTICS APPEAR TO HAVE BACKFIRED BADLY. NEUE ZURCHER ZEITUNG COMMENTED IN NEWS COLUMN THAT "CONTINUED
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POLITICAL MANEUVERS OF THIS KIND" COULD LEAD TO

FRENCH ELIMINATION EVEN AS POSSIBLE CONTENDER SHOULD
THE TIGER NOT BE CHOSEN.
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